

PRICE ONE CENT.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—There was much popular excitement before the present District of Columbia was selected and accepted as the seat of the Federal Government. On the 21st of October, 1793, Congress was insulted at Philadelphia by a band of mutineers which the State authorities could not subdue. This occasioned the several resolutions to locate at different points the future seat of Congress. From 1783 to 1790, the debate was active and exciting. Almost all were agreed that New York was not a suitable place, as not being sufficiently central. There was much division of sentiment as to the relative advantages of Philadelphia and Germantown, in Pennsylvania; Havre de Grace, and a place called Wright's Ferry, on the Susquehanna; Baltimore, on the Patuxent; and Coneocheague, on the Potomac. The last two were about equally balanced for some time in the number of supporters. The South Carolinians offered an apparently whimsical objection to Philadelphia—to wit: the number of Quakers, who, they said, were eternally dogging the Southern members with their schemes of emancipation. Others ridiculed the idea of building palaces in the woods. Finally, Maryland and Virginia donated the requisite ten miles square, and on the 16th of July, 1790, the necessary act became a law. It was, "An act establishing the temporary and permanent seat of Government of the United States," the first section of which provides "that a district of territory, not exceeding ten miles square, to be located, as hereafter directed, on the river Potomac, at some place between the mouth of the Eastern Branch and Coneocheague, be and the same is hereby accepted, for the permanent seat of Government of the United States." The Coneocheague, (Koneocheague) is a stream in Washington county, Maryland. The following piece of doggerel, from one of the papers of the day, exhibits the feeling which pervaded the many communications with which the city papers were then flooded, in relation to the removal of the Government from New York, where the Council had gone to considerable expense in fitting up the City Hall for the reception of Congress. It stood in Wall street, at the head of Broad, the site of the present custom-house:

THE WAITING-GIRL IN NEW YORK, TO HER FRIEND IN PHILADELPHIA.
"Well, Nanny, I'm sorry to say, since you write us, The Congress and court have determined to quit us.
And for us, dear Nanny, we're much in a pet, And hundreds of houses will be to let.
Our streets that were quite in a way to look clever, Will now be neglected, and nasty as ever.
Again we must fret at the Dutchified gutters, And pabble-stone pavements, which wear out our trotters.
My master looks dull, and his spirits are sinking, From morning till night, he is smoking and thinking.
Laments the expense of destroying the fort, And says your great people are all of a sort.
He hopes and he prays they may die in a stall, If they leave us in debt for Federal Hall.
In fact, he would rather saw timber or dig, Than see them removing to Coneocheague,
Where the houses and kitchens are yet to be framed, The trees to be felled, and the streets to be named."

CULTIVATION OF COTTON.—Mr. H. S. Sanford, of Connecticut, who has travelled extensively in Central and South America for four or five years, with a view to this subject, has given the result of his observations to the public through the Albany Evening Journal. He states that there is a larger cotton territory of the best quality southward, than the whole area of the cotton States of our Union. The plant grows spontaneously, and the wild cotton is in common use among the natives. From Peru, Mr. Sanford saw a single lot of 1,500 bales coming over the Isthmus by railroad, destined for England; and though badly ginned, so fine was the staple, it brought in Liverpool 18 cents per pound. From Venezuela, he was informed that fifty to seventy-five million pounds are exported annually, mostly to Germany, at 13 to 15 cents per pound. Thirty years since, the export from Granada was reported at 100,000 bales annually. It still grows luxuriantly, but it is no longer cultivated to any considerable extent. Mexico abounds in rich cotton lands, on both her eastern and western coasts. A considerable amount of machinery is being shipped now from New York for Acapulco, destined for cotton cleansing in that neighborhood.

WHO SHALL BE KING?—The London Globe has an exceedingly graphic article on the rumor that South Carolina desires an English Prince for her ruler. It says:
"We have no 'Black Prince' at present to suit their tastes, and indeed it requires a very strong imagination to contemplate one of the sons of our gracious Queen sitting on a South American throne, with slaves for one-half of his subjects, and slave owners the other half. He should give up the lion of England for the rattlesnake which the new heraldry of the South affects, or more elaborately assume armorial bearings. Great, a cat (of nine tails); rampant arms, negroes couchant in a field of cotton, bloodhounds regardant; supporters, slave-drivers armed; motto, 'Live and lash.'"
It advises South Carolina to apply to Spain, or to take the dethroned King of Naples.—N. Y. Sun.

An Irishman who was standing on London bridge, accented a youth standing beside him, saying:
"Faith I think I know yer; what's yer name?"
"My name is Jones," replied the youth.
"Jones," "Jones," said the Irishman, I knew two old maids be that name in Dublin, was either of them yer mother?"

So severe was the cold in London, England, about three weeks ago, that a woman was frozen to death while tending an oyster stall at the corner of a street.

The Archbishop of Freiburg, in Baden, has, at the request of the Government, interdicted the clergy from making collections in private houses of St. Peter's pence.

In the Tyrol and the Voralberg, the people are scraping together the last kreutzer in their pockets, for the purpose of buying off their relatives from the conscription.

A WARNING VOICE.—If we have children, we shall teach them these fancy dances, to the neglect of their catechism. Not that they will enjoy the hopping around, first on one foot, and then on the other, then both, but they will have such a good chance to hug other folks' wives and sweethearts! That is the secret of the dancing! No one can object, then, but if a fellow were to sit by the side of his own wife even in a ball room, and hug her half as hard, well, wouldn't there be remarks? Guess not? (We speak ironically!) Talk about going to picnics, visiting, weddings, going to apple-trees, sparking by moonlight, sitting on the porch Sunday evening, and stealing a kiss every time a star shoots (that's the nicest game!) sleighing by the side of a red-cheeked girl, or eating happiness with a gold spoon—all—of these sink into insignificance when fancy dancing comes on. But if a fellow don't know how, and takes to a party a pretty girl what does, and if he has to sit on a cold bench, and another fellow doing the sweet huggings of that angelic creature that he paid his ticket money for, it's awful! Just to sit still and see another's arm where yours should be—head where it should not be, and—and—well, don't take a girl to a fancy dancing party, unless you know all the ropes.

Sir Walter Scott once had an Irishman working for him, who was a great drunkard, and who often neglected the work Sir Walter set him to do. One morning, while engaged in his library labor, word was brought to him that his man had returned after a two days' spree. Sir Walter dashed his pen on his desk, and in great anger, ordered the son of Erin to be sent to him immediately. Pat entered like a humble-minded personified, and Sir Walter poured out the vials of his wrath.
"You unthankful dog," said he, "here I have been putting up with your misdoings, and forgiving you from time to time, and yet, no sooner are you in my good graces, than you take advantage of me. But this is the last time, sir; we must part."
"Well," said the gentleman of Ireland, "if we must part, I'm sorry, and hope that no harm will happen to ye; but, may I ask, where are ye going to?" He had another trial.

STUPIDITY OF LOBSTERS.—Lobsters, says Dr. Backland, if left on the rocks, never go back to the water of their own accord; they wait till it comes to them. This peculiarity was observed after a land slide on the coast of Dorsetshire, England, which, by its great weight, forced up a portion of the bottom of the sea. On this suddenly elevated bit of ground there happened to be several lobsters, who, doubtless, thought the low tide had taken place with uncommon celerity, and that it would return again. Anyhow, the foolish creatures waited for the tide to come up and cover them. Of course it never did come up again, and they remained in their places and died there, although the water was in many instances only a few feet from their noses. They had not the sense to tumble into it, and save their lives.

'SWALLOWED A HOLE.—The other day, our Charley, five years old, found one of those curious bone-rimmed circles, which, I believe, ladies have named *eyecoles*, and, while playing in the garden, swallowed it. The family were in the house, busily engaged with a work on entomology, when Charley ran in with mouth wide open, and eyes distended to their utmost capacity. His mother caught him by the arm, and, trembling with that deep anxiety which only a mother can feel, inquired:
"What's the matter? What has happened?"
Theurchin, all agape, managed to articulate:
"Water!"
It was brought; when, after drinking copiously, he exclaimed:
"Oh, mother, I swallowed a hole!"
"Swallowed a hole, Charley?"
"Yes, mother; I swallowed a hole with a piece of ivory round it."

The gentleman of this neighborhood, who last spring, in Philadelphia, under the fugitive slave law, recovered his fugitive slave, was asked a few weeks ago, by a friend of ours, "whether he could have recovered his slave without the aid of the General Government?" His reply was emphatically "No." "Do you think," said our friend, "that a dissolution of the Union, with Mason and Dixon's line as the national boundary between North and South, would increase the security of your slave property?" "Such a measure," said he, "would throw away the only security we have." "What, in your opinion, would be the general effect of such dissolution upon all the border slave States?" "It would render that kind of property so insecure that it must disappear from the whole border, and finally abolish slavery in all the border States—no escape from this."—Shepherdstown Register.

A PRESENT TO MRS. LINCOLN.—At the rooms of the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine company, in this city, yesterday saw a superb sewing machine, mounted in a solid rosewood full case, and altogether a bijou of an affair, destined as a present to the lady of the President elect, and to find a location in one of the apartments of the White House. It is richly silver plated and ornamented with inlaid pearl and enamel. It is worthy the possession of a duchess, and, indeed, the very companions of this superb sewing machine have actually been finished and sent to the English Duchess of Sutherland, and the Russian Duchess of Constantine.—Chicago Tribune.

TENNESSEE.—The Bolivar (Tenn.) Southerner says that the negroes of A. S. Coleman, Esq., of that place, created quite a sensation in that town a few days ago, by appearing on the streets with blue cockades on their hats. It learns from Mr. Coleman that they requested the privilege of wearing them, as they said, to show their contempt for the abolitionists, and their love for their native South.

Q. Why do the Charlestonians hoist the palmetto flags in place of those of the United States?
A. Because they go in for anything that's trees on.

Although Lynn provides a great many ladies' boots and shoes, all the brogue-Anns come from Ireland.

Documents have been found, which are now in process of translation by a learned committee, tending to show that Noah visited the Arctic regions.

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